

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
Agenda
Faculty Assembly - Academic Policy Committee (APC)
October 20, 2010
GWP 215
12:30-1:30 p.m.

Attendance: George Mobus, Chair; Linda Ishem, Janice Laakso, Nita McKinley, Greg Noronha, Bobbe Miller Murray; Guest: Ingrid Walker

1. The minutes from June 8, 2010 were approved

2. Development of graduation petition

Bobbe Miller Murray asked the APC for suggestions or changes to the draft graduation petition. Action: The APC voted and unanimously approved the form with a minor revision to add "Registrar" at the bottom of the form.

3. Student Appeals

- a. Student Appeal 2009-current: A letter to the University of Washington Attorney General Office. No further action has been taken since it is now in the AG office.
- b. Student petition: A student was deficient in intermediate algebra. The student appealed based two points: a grade of C- (the university requirement is a C or better) and that the student was not notified about this deficiency prior to graduation. Action: After considering the circumstances and the student's grade, the APC voted and unanimously approved this petition.

4. Student Credit Proposal

Miller Murray, Registrar presented a proposal which seeks to change student credits by limiting them to 180 credits. Currently UW Tacoma students receive a registration hold once they have accrued 210 credits, but have not yet filed either a graduation plan or submitted a graduation application.

Last spring the faculty at UW Seattle, on the recommendation of the advisers, approved a 180 credit limit instead of the 210 credits. The change will be effective winter 2011. Not all Seattle majors will comply but the majority of them will.

Miller Murray has conferred with the academic directors/dean and program administrators, all of whom are in favor of continuing with our current policy. Action: Academic Policy Committee voted to continue with the current policy, but will take it to EC for their approval.

5. Double Majors – Dual Degrees

There was a brief discussion about an issue involving double majors. The issue with double majors relates to a policy that was established in Seattle. UW Seattle

approved a policy for students who wish to pursue a double major without receiving dual bachelor degrees. The APC agreed this is an Administrative policy not under the purview of the Academic Policy Committee. Action: APC voted to recommend it does not see this as an APC issue.

6. Oversight group – UWT General Education Requirements

Ingrid Walker discussed the need for faculty to look at the 40 undergraduate credits, past the 20 credits in the Core. The Executive Council asked Walker to bring this issue to the APC. Walker looked at UW Bothell (currently they 450 freshmen - UWT has 200). At UW Bothell an oversight standing committee looks at course proposals. At UW Tacoma the Curriculum Committee functions as the oversight committee.

Mobus also noted compliance with the University Faculty Code and APC's role in developing a proposal to address oversight for the remaining undergraduate credits. Walker also added that this is an advising concern for students who move across programs or change majors.

Janice Laakso suggested that an oversight committee might justify faculty compensation, such as a course release.

Mobus will propose to EC that APC take on this as a project. He will look at other institutions.

Walker explained UW Bothell's membership includes faculty who have taught lower division courses. For UW Tacoma, its oversight committee might could challenging in terms of recruiting faculty. One way to encourage participation is to look for a grant, release time, or compensation. Another approach is to work in concert with the Curriculum Committee to use what is already here. The oversight committee may not need program representation – but should cover the standard areas: writing and math.

Action: APC and Walker will work on developing a policy that is appropriate for UWT and that addresses compensation for members who will work on this committee. This recommendation will be ready by the end of winter quarter and will be forwarded to EC.

Walker noted that staffing discussions will happen within the next two months. Since APC cannot come up with a policy within this timeline, Walker will start an ad hoc committee of UWT faculty. Walker offered to send APC a framework of things to consider for developing this policy. She will also provide the framework for deciding what is involved in the 20 core credits.

7. Objectives for this year

- a. Math Admission Standards – Jenny Quinn and Bobbe Miller Murray asked for input – 2.0 grade or higher or a proficiency assessment that demonstrates this

grade. The UW Seattle policy mandates a course in intermediate algebra with at least 2.0. Jenny Quinn will bring this proposal to APC.

- b. Student Conduct – Undergraduate Advisory Committee – Janice Laakso and George Noronha are serving on this committee and want to talk about informing students and faculty about Student Conduct.
- c. Advising Systems Taskforce – George Mobus has agreed to serve on this committee.
- d. Faculty oversight of the Office of Undergraduate Education – will continue to offer feedback.

8. Future meeting schedules

APC will alternate meetings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

9. Adjourn 1:25 p.m.